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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

Ben Brancel, Secretary

**DATE:** April 22, 2015

**TO:** Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

**FROM:** Ben Brancel, Secretary  
Steve Ingham, Administrator, Division of Food Safety

*Ben Brancel*

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**SUBJECT: Update on the 2015 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments**

**PRESENTED BY:** Steve Ingham, Division of Food Safety

**REQUESTED ACTION:** None

At the May 13, 2015 Board meeting, the Division of Food Safety will report on the 2015 National Conference for Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS), held April 24 – 29, 2015 in Portland, OR. The NCIMS considers proposals for changes to the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and associated documents which provide the regulatory guidelines for interstate shipment of Grade “A” fluid milk and milk products. Each state’s dairy laws and/or regulations related to Grade “A” milk and milk products must be at least as stringent as the PMO. At the 2015 NCIMS, a total of 100 proposals were presented. Contentious proposals included tightening the Somatic Cell Count limit in unpasteurized milk to 400,000 cells per mL, broadening the range of drugs tested for in unpasteurized milk received at milk plants, and changing the PMO to ensure that compliance with it would also result in compliance with the FDA’s soon-to-be-published rules on Preventive Controls for Human Foods. These rules will implement the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The report will discuss outcomes of the proposal debate and voting, and implications for Wisconsin’s Grade “A” regulatory program.

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